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SUBJ: ZAIRIAN PRESS ITEMS ON ANGOLA

1. SUMMARY: IN PRESS CONFERENCE JULY 15 FNLA POLITICAL BUREAU MEMBER PINNOCK ACCUSED PORTUGAL, SOVIET UNION AND CZECHOSLOVAKIA OF SUPPORTING MPLA. ZAIRIAN PRESS UTTERS WARNING. END SUMMARY.

2. JULY 16 ISSUE OF OFFICIAL ZAIRIAN NEWSAGENCY (AZAP) CARRIES ACCOUNT OF JULY 15 PRESS CONFERENCE BY FNLA POLITICAL BUREAU MEMBER JOHNN PINNOCK IN WHICH HE ACCUSED PORTUGUESE MILITARY OF PROVIDING TANK AND INFANTRY SUPPORT TO MPLA FORCES AGAINST FNLA. STATING THAT SOME PORTUGUESE OFFICERS WERE CAPTURED BY FNLA DURING THESE RECENT OPERATIONS, PINNOCK ALSO ALLEGED GENERAL MACEDO, COMMANDER OF PORTUGUESE UNCLASSIFIED

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TROOPS IN ANGOLA, ORDERED ENCIRCLEMENT AND DISARMING OF FNLA

TROOPS IN LUANDA. MPLA, ALLEGEDLY WITH PORTUGUESE COMPLICITY, SAID TO BE CONTINUING TO RECEIVE SOPHISTICATED WEAPONS FROM SOVIET UNION AND SATELLITES (CZECHOSLOVAKIA ONLY ONE MENTIONED) AT RATE OF TWO SHIPLOADS PER WEEK, WHILE FNAL HAS RECEIVED NO SUPPORT SINCE ZAIRE'S JUNE 1 "HANDS OFF ANGOLA" ACCORD WITH LISBON. PINNOCK FURTHER SAID PORTUGUESE SELF-INTEREST MOTIVATES AID TO MPLA WHICH IS WILLING TOOL OF THIS NEW IMPERIALISM. AS RESULT, FNLA WILL PUT NAKURU ACCORD ON ICE AND STANDS READY FOR "FIGHT TO FINISH" WITH MPLA AND WAR WITH PORTUGAL, IF NECESSARY. PINNOCK WARNED HOWEVER THAT, IN SUCH EVENT, FNLA WOULD NOT LACK FRIENDS, AND CAUTIONED UNITA TO CAREFULLY CONSIDER ITS POSITION. AS FOR FNLA, "OUR FRIENDS OF TODAY WILL BE OUR FRIENDS OF TOMORROW". FNLA, STILL PREPARING FOR EVENTUAL ELECTION, WILL NOT SIEZE POWER BY FORCE "UNLESS WE ARE DRIVEN TO IT".

3. SIGNED FRONT-PAGE ARTICLE IN GOVERNMENT-CONTROLLED KINSHASA DAILY ELIMA, JULY 16, DENOUNCES ARMING OF MPLA FORCES BY CRIMINALS DETERMINED TO MAKE MASS GRAVE OF ANGOLA. NOTES THAT INTRODUCTION OF HEAVY ARMS AND TANKS SPELLS REAL WAR. WARMS THAT SELF-STYLED ALLIES OF FREEDOM FIGHTERS TOO OFTER END BY SLAUGHTERING THE INNOCENT. SITUATIONS HAS GONE FAR ENOUGHT. ZAIRE AND AFRICA GENERALLY CAN NO LONGER TOLERATE HYPOCRITICAL BEHAVIOR OF FALSE FRIENDS WHOSE SORDID INTERESTS BEAR STIGMA IF IMPERIALISM.

4. AZAP EDITORIAL OF SAME DATE, IN RESTATEMENT OF CHARGES VOICED BY PINNOCK, ARGUES VIOLATIONS ILLUSTRATE DESIRE OF PORTUGAL, USSR AND CZECHOSLOVAKIA TO UNDERMINE ANGOLAN INDEPENDANCE AND SET UP MPLA'S NETO AS PUPPET WITH VIEW ASSUMING PERMANENT SUBJUGATION OF ANGOLAN PEOPLE. PORTUGAL AND MPLA IN LAUNCHING FIGHT TO FINISH WILL HAVE TO BEAR CONSEQUENCES, NETO'S MILITARY AND POPULAR POSITION NOT STRONG AND VIETNAMESE AND CAMBODIAN EXPERIENCE INDICATE ANGOLAN PEOPLE WILL EMERGE VICTORIOUS FROM THIS WAR OF DOMINATION.
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